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AIR BAG SYSTEM AND METHOD

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ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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The Office Action mailed August 9, 2006 requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution of the merits. The Action identifies that

Species 1 is shown in Figures 2A and 2B,

Species 2 is shown in Figure 4,

Species 3 is shown in Figures 5A and 5B.

After electing a species, Applicant should elect a subspecies.

Subspecies 1 is shown in Figure 6A,

Subspecies 2 is shown in Figure 6B,

Subspecies 3 is shown in Figure 6C.

Currently, claims 1, 18 and 19 are generic. Applicants elect to prosecute Species 2 and Subspecies 3 including claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 18-20. This election is made without

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traverse. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

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